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OIL NEWS.

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Standard Oil was once simply the vision of one man.

Big oil organizations are bending every effort towards greater production.

It is now being predicted that gasoline will be retailing at seventy-five cents per gallon within the next few months. This country needs more production of crude oil.

The average daily production of petroleum in the United States averages only a little more than four barrels for each well, a statement that will surprise many persons who read of the wonderful wealth accumulated by oil men, and of the 1,000 barrel wells and more that frequently are brought into production.

Messrs. A. C. VanWinkle and F. F. Snead, Louisville, were here last week for the purpose of inspecting the properties and production of the McMeed Oil Company, Creelsboro. These gentlemen are stockholders in the company and this was their first opportunity to visit the field. They expressed themselves as being highly pleased with conditions there and with the future outlook for the company.

Several prominent operators and others vitally interested in the oil business from Oklahoma, are expected here within the next few days. They are coming for the purpose of looking over the territory and investigating local conditions with a view to becoming interested in the development of the field.

There has never been in the history of the world a time when so much depended upon crude oil or petroleum products as at present, and it is of vital importance that every progressive citizen shall exert himself in every possible way to encourage production. This applies not only to the country at large, but locally as well. The oil business, at its best, is one beset with many difficulties and hardships, and there are worries and anxieties connected with it of which the average man has no real conception; and it is reliably reported that some of these who are actively identified with the business are giving it up entirely. With the Government calling so urgently for crude oil and gasoline, and with such an ever increasing demand being made by manufacturers, farmers and people in every walk of life for petroleum products, it behooves every public spirited citizen to do everything in his power to encourage production. One live wire "booster" in a community is worth more to it than all the "knockers" of the past, present and future combined.

According to reports published in the Louisville dailies within the past few days, a great deal of interest is being manifested in the information conveyed in an address before the New Albany, Ind., Chamber of Commerce, last week, delivered by Prof. H. A. Buerk, Supt. of schools there, in which he stated that such immense deposits of Devonian Shale, from which crude oils are being extracted, underlie the Falls Cities that they are destined to become one of the leading industrial centers of the United States. Reference was made in these columns some weeks since to the fact that oil was being extracted from Shale in such quantities that this method of securing the crude would cut an important figure in future production, and the statements made by Prof. Buerk simply verify the prediction then made. It is stated upon reliable authority that by proper distillation as much as fifteen gallons of oil can be obtained from a ton of Shale. Adair county simply teems with such deposits, and the day will come when the production of oil from Shale will be one of the big business enterprises of this section.

After being unduly delayed in transit, the big drilling rig of the Palmer Oil & Gas Company has finally arrived, and Mr. Geo. H. Palmer, president, is one of the happiest men to be

found among the local oil fraternity. Tools, casing and other supplies are also being received and drilling operations will begin in earnest at the earliest possible date. The first location will be on the J. S. Royse farm, some two miles out on the Stanford pike.

Mr. G. A. Roy, of the Roy Petroleum Company, has been spending several days in our midst, and he talks very encouragingly of their present and contemplated operations in Adair county. The well on Damron Creek is being reamed out preparatory to re-setting the casing, and when this is completed it is thought they will have overcome the salt water trouble which has delayed them so much. Drilling operations will be resumed at once and the drillers have been instructed by Mr. Roy to not let up until they have penetrated the lower sands where a fine flow of oil is confidently expected.

Mr. Wm. Mehlhaf, Sutton, Nebraska, was here the latter part of the week on an inspection trip of this territory in behalf of some western capitalists, and he expressed himself as being so well pleased with the general outlook that he intends to return here at no distant date prepared to make extensive investments in the local fields.

Mr. Bee Whitis, commonly called the "Busy Bee," field manager for the J. E. Carnahan Oil Company, left Saturday after having spent several days here looking after the company's operations in this section. He reports satisfactory progress in drilling on the Henry Ingram farm, and good results are looked for there. Another drilling rig has been shipped to Rock House Bottom, near Creelsboro, and drilling will be in full swing there just across the river from where the old Morgan well was drilled in Irish Bottom, some years ago, and they expect to make a good "strike" in the first well.

Messrs. J. E. Hellman and O. C. Fink, two "live wire" operators, who have been located at Glasgow, were here on Friday last for the purpose of looking up living quarters, as they expect to locate here and become prominently identified with the development of this territory. They own some valuable acreage at Creelsboro, where they already have one drilling rig on the ground, and they will be operating there at an early date. They will ship in another rig as soon as it can be secured, and they may also open an office here and make a specialty in the handling of leases. A warm welcome will be extended these people when they locate among us, and we trust they will not be long in coming.

Columbia Loses to Tompkinsville.

The first of last week the Columbia baseball team motored to Tompkinsville, and on Tuesday they met the Monroe boys. Both teams entered the game in high hopes, and at the ending of the fourth inning it looked like Columbia would come out victorious, the score standing 2 to nothing. At this juncture the Monroe boys got on their fighting clothes, and gained points to the end, the game closing 4 to 2 in favor of Tompkinsville. Our boys say that they were royally treated and that the Monroe aggregation make up a splendid team. There was not a jar, and when our boys left for home the warm, friendly hand was extended.

A return game will probably be played here some time in September.

The work on the Gradyville pike is progressing. The overseers are making an effort to get the metal on before extreme cold weather. This pike will bring about a closer relation between Columbia and Gradyville section, and a great deal of trade that Greensburg is now getting will come to this place. A few more pikes leading to this place and Columbia would be the busiest town in South Eastern Kentucky.

Serious Accident.

Last Sunday week Dr. Ed Salles met with a very serious accident. He was at home and was swinging on a gate, fell off, breaking his left thigh between the knee and hip joint. Drs. Flowers and Miller were called and reduced the fracture. The doctor is quite an old man, but it is believed that he will recover.

Died in Texas.

On the 17th of August, Mrs. Piner Harvey died at her late residence, Krum, Texas, after a long illness of Bright's disease. She was born in Cumberland county, Ky., October 4, 1865, making her 55 years old had she lived until her next birthday. Most of her married life was spent in this county, she and her husband having removed to Texas about fifteen years ago. She was a sister of Mr. J. A. Young, this place. Her parents died many years ago.

The deceased was a devout member of the Methodist Church, and a large concourse of friends attended the last sad rites. Besides her husband she leaves one son, Tennie, about 22 years old.

As a young woman, the deceased was popular in Adair county, and her many relatives and friends were deeply moved when the intelligence of her demise reached Columbia.

Those here who were near to her send their profoundest sympathy to the sorrowing husband and son.

Entertained at 12 o'clock Dinner.

Mrs. L. C. Hindman entertained at her home on Gatnett avenue, Saturday. The following were invited: Mesdames Gordon Montgomery, Bruce Montgomery, George Stults, Perry Hutchison, Horace Jeffries, Minnie Johnson, Ruby Turney, of Nashville, Tenn., and Miss Mollie Jeffries. Mrs. Hindman was assisted by her daughter, Miss Mabel. The day was delightfully spent, all regretting when the hour of departure came.

Mr. B. F. Chewing, of this place is very artistic in every thing he does especially when he is using his pocket knife the blades of which he keeps in perfect order. He is very fond of whittling, and usually keeps on hand a good supply of red cedar, and in whittling he invariably makes something, either ornamental or useful. Butter paddles, tops for jars, imitation of the Red Eye Fish, charms and many other articles. He believes that when a man is occupying time, he should make something useful, and if he likes the pleasure of whittling he gets that also.

Public Sale.

I will offer for sale, on Friday, Sept. 3, beginning at 10 a. m., my farm, 62 acres, 1 young mare, 2 cows, 10 acres corn, some old corn, household goods good organ, 1 good plow and corn drill, saddles, some hay, 200 lbs., tobacco, a few other things.

George Aaron.

Tumor Removed.

Gen. Jas. Garnett was in an infirmary at Louisville several days of last week, having had a fatty tumor removed from his back. It was not a dangerous operation and the General was only confined a few days.

We underwent the same operation three weeks ago. Dr. Flowers froze our back, removed the tumor without pain, and it has been done so long we would have forgotten we ever had one had we not been reminded of Gen. Garnett's operation.

The Fordson Tractor.

Last Friday was set apart by the Buchanan Lyon Company as demonstration day for the Fordson Tractor, and a large number of farmers came to see the machine in action. The field in which it was operated is on Mr. P. V. Cundiff's farm, the farm formerly owned by Mr. C. S. Harris.

It was amazing to the many who visited the field to see how rapidly the ground was turned, and especially the depth. The machine is certainly a great invention, and when you take into consideration the rapidity the ground is turned, and the amount of labor saved, the cost of the machine should not be considered. It fact an up-to-date farmer can not get along

very well without one. Already a dozen have been sold in Taylor county, the purchasers being delighted. A few have been placed in Adair county and other farmers expect to buy. The Fordson is not complicated a boy operating it with ease.

This is a day of progress and every farmer who is able to buy one of these machines should not hesitate.

Mr. Smalley, of Detroit, who knows the workings of the Fordson, was here, and in a very satisfactory manner explained its advantages over other Tractors.

We believe the day is not far in the distance when this machine will have a home on the best farms in Adair county. In the meantime, call upon Buchanan Lyon Company.

Next Monday will be county court, and if weather conditions are favorable a large crowd is likely to be in town. The Master Commissioner, W. A. Coffey, will make several land sales, and it is likely some stock will be on the market.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will, on the 6th day of September, 1920, it being the first day of the regular term of the Adair County Court present to the said court a petition asking said court to make all necessary orders to change and alter the Casey Creek and Clementsville road in Adair county in the following manner: So change and alter said road at the farm of George Wolford, leaving the old road at said point and run then in a southeasterly direction over the land of J. A. Williams, thence over the lands of Irvin Abel, thence an easterly direction over the lands of Ed Morgan, thence over the lands of A. J. Ward, thence over the land now occupied by Delphena Ward thence over the land of Claud Southerland, thence over the lands of J. I. Hendrickson, to a point in the same Casey Creek and Clementsville road. 43-t J. I. Hendrickson & Co.

Republican Campaign Committee.

The following persons make up the Republican campaign Committee, to work in the Columbia precincts:

L. T. Neat, Chairman.
Fred McLean, Secretary.
W. S. Sinclair, Treasurer.
J. N. Coffey.
L. C. Hindman,
A. W. Tarter,
M. C. Winfrey,
Mrs. Geo. E. Wilson,
Mrs. J. F. Patteson,
Mrs. Mary Biggs.

Birthday Dinner.

One day last week Miss Nona Conover's birthday was celebrated. It was a very delightful social event, and all who were honored with an invitation enjoyed a most magnificent dinner. Among the guests were Miss Mattie Hurt, Mrs. Morrison Johnson and Mrs. R. H. Price.

We desire to extend our condolence to the surviving members of the family of Mrs. Nannie Mills, who recently died at Pellyton, Adair county. She was an excellent lady and a loving mother. Her husband, Capt. E. C. Mills, who died many years ago, was a stately old gentleman, and was well-known in Columbia.

The farm known as the William Garnett Conover farm, was sold privately a few weeks ago for \$4,050. It contains 88 acres and lies near Mt. Pleasant church. There are 19 acres on the farm that were not sold, belonging to Miss Eliza Conover, individually.

Important Notice.

As administrator of U. G. Hendrickson, deceased, I request that all parties owing the estate will call upon me and make settlement by October 1, 1920. Persons having accounts against said decedent will present them properly verified by October 1.

W. T. Hendrickson,
Campbellsville, Ky.

STATE NEWS.

The police swooped down on a family poker game in Louisville. All the parties were fined, but the fine suspended.

Fourteen negroes were arrested in Stringer's soft drink stand, Louisville, charged with crap shooting.

Bradley Vaughan was given two years in the penitentiary for shooting deputy sheriff H. D. Raleigh, on the Cumberland river one year ago.

The Fall Term of the Court of Appeals will open next Monday. The docket is quite lengthy.

Mrs. Samuel M. Wilson, Democrat, has arrived in Louisville and has opened headquarters. She will have a number of assistants, and every effort will be made to get out the woman's vote throughout the State.

In the State there is one automobile for every twenty-seven inhabitants. Those that have not bought are arranging to buy.

Robt. Wedekind, President of the Hazard Coal Company, has been arrested, charged with violating the law regulating the price of coal during the war. His home in Louisville.

Farm for Sale.

Farm, consisting of 160 acres 1 1/2 miles from town. 9 acres of bottom land, rest is gently rolling. The improvements are extra good, consisting of a dwelling of 7 rooms, 3 tenant houses, extra large tobacco barn, feed barn, and all necessary outbuildings, well fenced and watered. The improvements are worth 1/2 the price of the farm. For price and terms see W. E. Harris.

Miss Frances Strange entertained at Supper, Monday evening, Misses Margaret and Elizabeth Carson, of Louisville, Miss Katie and Mr. J. E. Murrell. Miss Strange was assisted by her mother and a magnificent repast was served. After supper several hours were spent in social converse and in listening to delightful music.

Pressing Room.

I have opened a cleaning and pressing room in the Hancock old hotel building. Work guaranteed and prices right. Will appreciate your business.

John Goff.

Paid List.

The following are new paid subscribers and renewals since our issue of last Tuesday.

Hugh Sharp, Mrs. T. S. Ellis, R. G. Willis, A. V. Taylor, Exura Humphress, Bramlett Butler, Uilus Garrett, L. S. Guthrie, Dr. W. B. Helm, Wm. Mehlhaf, Mrs. J. D. McLeod, H. C. Moxley, Mrs. Ed Ross, Mrs. J. R. Price.

At Logan Bomar's emporium, on the Burkesville pike, Saturday night Will Lester and Will Duncan, both colored, got into trouble over a watermelon. Lester knocked Duncan in the head with a coca cola bottle, and for awhile it was thought that the lick would prove fatal. At this time he is not out of danger, but it is generally believed that he will get well.

An airplane was the latest attraction here it came over from Campbellsville last Monday morning and soared above town for quite a while. Bradley Tarter came over in it.

For Sale.

High-grade Typewriter, A 1 Condition. Bargain. Call or see Edward Hamlett, News Office.

We want a boy or girl who is in position to stay permanently, and who wants to be taught the business, to apply at this office at once.

Killing at Dunnville.

Last Saturday morning, at Dunnville, Jess Thomas, a brother of

Wyatt Thomas, who lives at Cane Valley, this county, was shot and killed by Burl Thomas in a pistol duel. It is reported here that the shooting came up over the division of some land. Wyatt Thomas left immediately for the scene upon receiving the information of his brother's death.

For Sale.

A good farm and brood mare, one mule colt, one combined work horse. J. T. Goodman, Columbia, Ky.

Lindsey-Wilson.

The Lindsey-Wilson Training School will open next Tuesday the 7th. Every thing is in readiness for the students. All the buildings have been renovated and the grounds are in splendid condition. All the teachers have notified the principal that they will be on time.

R. V. Bennett, Principal.

Rev. H. L. Thompson exhibited a sweet potato vine at this office last Friday that had several blooms upon it. Mr. Thompson said that he had been hearing all his life that the sweet potato vine did not bloom, and that he was greatly surprised when he cut this one and found the blossom.

The Adair Post, of the American Legion, at a meeting held last Thursday evening, voted for the Optional bill with the cash bonus eliminated. Mr. E. W. Reed was elected delegate to the State convention, the 3rd and 4th, of September, in Louisville.

A young boy named Burton, a half brother of Mr. Alvin Burton, got badly hurt while scuffling with a boy friend. Dr. C. M. Russell was called, finding the lad in a dangerous condition. He administered to him, but the boy rapidly grew worse and died last Saturday. The burial was at Bear Wallow Sunday. He was a son of Mr. Ambrose Burton.

Pastor Leslie J. B. Smith has returned after conducting a revival in Marion county. He begun a meeting at Zion, Monday, Aug. 30th, assisted by Dr. W. W. Horner. The regular mid-week service will be continued here by the pastor and also there be services next Sunday which is the regular preaching day.

Columbia was defeated at Lebanon last Friday in a fast game. The result was 8 to 6. Quite a number of lovers of the sport witnessed the contest.

On September 17, a gentleman will be here with reels in the interest of the local Chapter of Eastern Star Masons. The show will be at the Paramount theater.

If you want to see an interesting game, be in Columbia next Saturday afternoon. Tompkinsville's fast team will be here.

Tri-gathering of Eastern Star Masons of Columbia, Greensburg and Campbellsville will be held at Griffin Springs today.

Wanted, a housekeeper for two. Apply to J. E. Murrell.

Mrs. Charlotte B. Eubank's stenography class is being organized for fall work. Enroll early.

Come to Columbia next Saturday afternoon and see a fast ball game—Tompkinsville against the home team.

Born, to the wife of Rev. R. V. Bennett, Thursday morning August 26, a fine son. Mother and baby doing nicely.

Born, to the wife of Norman Morrison, Aug. 23rd, a fine son.

Born, to the wife of Christopher Dohoney, the 23rd of Aug., a daughter.

Born, to the wife of M. L. Hughes, Aug. 20, a son.—Milton L. Jr.

Born, to the wife of Jas. Bohanan, recently, a daughter.